Executive Proclamation State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

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Whereas, The Ronald McDonald House has provided support and comfort for thousands of families with seriously ill children; and,

Whereas, The Ronald McDonald House has been a "home away from home" for thousands of families in the South Dakota region since opening its doors in 1983; and,

Whereas, The Ronald McDonald House Grant Program provides funding to youth-directed organizations across the state, and the Care Mobile provides expense-free dental services to hundreds of school-aged children; and,

Whereas, The staff and Board of Directors are announcing the second annual "Taste of South Dakota," a public fundraising event to expand the services of the Ronald McDonald House; and,

Whereas, The event is aimed to celebrate and showcase the many products, talents and flavors of our state, and to benefit the needs of even more South Dakota children and families:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 23, 2006, as

TASTE OF SOUTH DAKOTA DAY

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twentieth Day of September in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State